

**PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS SECTION
EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS, HYDROLOGISTS AND
SOIL SCIENTISTS
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES
MADISON, WISCONSIN
SEPTEMBER 6, 2000**

PRESENT: David Mickelson and Thomas Evans; Joan Underwood and Frederick Birts (by telephone)

STAFF PRESENT: Alfred Hall, Jr., and Jan Neitzel; Bill Black (for a portion of the meeting)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Joan Underwood, Chair. A quorum of four members was present.

AGENDA

MOTION: Dave Mickelson moved, seconded by Fred Birts, to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES (February 16, 2000)

MOTION: Fred Birts moved, seconded by Dave Mickelson, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Secretary Cummings

Secretary Cummings was not available.

- Ethics Board Opinion re: Expert Witnesses

The Section discussed the July 13, 2000, memo from Bill Dusso, Legal Counsel, relating to board members testifying as expert witnesses. The Section concluded that the board legal counsel or Johnathon Becker of the Ethics Board should be contacted prior to serving as an expert witness.

- Report on the Board Member Workshop

Alfred Hall reported that the Board Member Workshop was well attended and that positive feedback was received.

Alfred Hall, Bureau Director's Report

- **Section Roster**

The Section received a copy of the August 2000 roster.

- **2000 and 2001 Section Meeting Dates**

The Board received a copy of the 2000 meeting dates and discussed the proposed 2001 meeting dates.

MOTION: Dave Mickelson moved, seconded by Tom Evans, to accept the 2001 proposed meeting dates. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Evans noted that he will not be able to attend the February 21, 2001, meeting.

- **Regulatory Digest**

Joan Underwood will write an article on the ASBOG exam meeting.

Alfred Hall will write an article relating to the geology examination that is being revised according to the latest task analysis.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Electronic Signature Document

Alfred Hall stated that the A-E Joint Board is in the process of discussing electronic transmission of signatures and symbols. Mr. Hall stated that a representative of the Section will be involved in further discussion.

Discussion of NCEES Electronic Technology Task Force (ETTF) White Paper

Alfred Hall reported that the statute relating to electronic signatures authorizes the Section to initiate electronic transmission of signatures and symbols.

SECTION MEMBER ACTIVITY

Tom Evans will be attending the annual ASBOG meeting.

ASBOG

2000 Annual Meeting – Atlanta GA (October 9-15, 2000)

Tom Evans will be attending the annual ASBOG meeting in Atlanta, Georgia October 9-15, 2000. Mr. Evans will also participate in C.O.E.

The Section again requested that a letter be sent to Mark Austin thanking him for his participation in previous ASBOG meetings as an unofficial designee. The Section would like ASBOG to continue to invite Mr. Austin to participate in the C.O.E.

MOTION: Fred Birts moved, seconded by Dave Mickelson, to request that ASBOG continue to invite Mark Austin to the annual meetings as an unofficial delegate. Motion carried unanimously.

The Section received the February 9, 2000, memo from the ASBOG executive Committee relating to workshop and meeting attendance guidelines and noted section II D (2) concerning test security.

1999 Annual Meeting Minutes

Joan Underwood stated that each delegate gives a report on the activities of the section at the annual meeting.

The Section agreed that some of the activities that could be included are:

- Current case statistics of the Section
- Approval of rule revisions
- Continuing education as a future agenda item
- Information on the new Hydrology Section
- Wetland mapping

The Section discussed the addition of a second person attending the annual meeting and requested this be added as an agenda item at a future meeting.

Dave Mickelson stated he would like to continue to pursue using the fundamentals exam as an exit exam for the geology students.

PRACTICE ISSUES

None.

EXAMINATION ISSUES

Staff Delegation for Approval of Exam Candidates

The Section agreed that Tom Evans and Dave Mickelson will continue to review the applications for the geology examination.

The Section received a copy of the August 29, 2000, memo from Darwin Tichenor relating to the results of the March 2000 national examinations.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

The Section requested that the 2001 examination dates be sent to all of the university geology departments.

Alfred Hall stated that Regulatory Digests from other states are included in the To-Pass Folder.

NEW BUSINESS

The Section would like continuing education information from other states added to a future agenda.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Tom Evans moved, seconded by Dave Mickelson, to convene the meeting in closed session pursuant to Sections (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.; to consider licensure or discipline s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.; to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stat.; and, to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(g), Stats. Specifically, to review applications. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote: Fred Birts-yes; Tom Evans-yes; Dave Mickelson-yes; Joan Underwood-yes.

Time adjourned 9:48 a.m.

The Section deliberated on two applications for licensure and staff authority to approve applications.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

By consensus, the Section reconvened into open session.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION

APPLICATION REVIEW

Stephen Jett

MOTION: Tom Evans moved, seconded by Dave Mickelson, to approve Stephen Jett for licensure by comity. Motion carried unanimously.

Galen Kenoyer

MOTION: Tom Evans moved, seconded by Dave Mickelson, to approve Galen Kenoyer for licensure as a professional geologist. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Dave Mickelson moved, seconded by Tom Evans, to give authority to the Department staff to approve applications for the exam and to contact a

Section member when needed. The Section members will review the files for final approval after the applicants have passed the exam. Motion carried unanimously.

SUCH OTHER ITEMS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dave Mickelson moved, seconded by Tom Evans, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.